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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9/9/04 Response.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 6 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 7-12 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/188,031.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/6/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Claims 6-12 (Group I) in the response to restriction requirement filed on September 9, 2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that "A search for the claims in the remaining Groups would not be substantially burdensome after a search for the claims in Group I as all the claims involved the siloxane oligomer represented by the formulas recited in Group I. A search for the subject matter in Group I is inextricably intertwined with the subject matter in the claims of the other Groups. Any search for the claims in Group I will necessarily yield the relevant art for consideration and examination of the claims in the other Groups". This is not found persuasive because of the following reasons: Inventions of Group I and Groups II, III and IV are unrelated. Group I is directed to a process for preparing siloxane oligomers, while Group II is directed to a rubber composition, Group III is directed to a process for making a rubber composition and Group IV is directed to a rubber tire. Therefore, Claims 13-20 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshida (US 6 107 505).

Yoshida discloses a process of preparing organosiloxane oligomers by hydrolysis-condensation of silane compounds of formula (1), which can contain halogenated hydrocarbon group, (meth)acryloxypropyl group, allyl group, etc. in the presence of water and an alcohol. (col. 3, lines 1-38 and col. 4, lines 1-48).

Since Yoshida's process is substantially the same as that of Applicants'. Examiner has a reasonable basis to believe both processes produce the same organosiloxane oligomers.

4. Claims 7-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Yoshida does not teach or fairly suggest a step of chemical modification of the siloxane oligomers set forth in the instant claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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